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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 3831

KIRA et al.

Art Unit: 3618

Application No.: 10/663,764

Examiner: Phan, Hau Van

Filed: September 17, 2003

Attorney Dkt. No.: 107355-00087

For: HYBRID VEHICLE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: April 22, 2005

Sir:


In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2005, Applicants hereby provisionally elect claims 1-6 and 8 of Species I, directed to Figs. 1-5.

This election is made **without traverse**. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

~~Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is generic to all species.~~ Accordingly, Applicants, upon the allowance of generic claim 1, retain the right to request rejoinder of the claims directed to the non-elected species as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141. Furthermore, Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

It is believed that extensions of time are not required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing docket number 107355-00087.

Respectfully submitted,


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